

IN THE CLAIMS

Please add the following new claim:

9. (New) A butterfly damper comprising:

an inner circumferential frame;

an outer circumferential frame having opposite end surfaces and an inner peripheral surface, said inner peripheral surface being connected to said opposite end surfaces to form opposite connecting circumferential edge portions; and

at least one arm member having one end connected to said outer circumferential frame and an other end connected to said inner circumferential frame,

wherein:

said one end of said at least one arm member is connected to a portion of said inner peripheral surface of said outer circumferential frame, said portion excluding said opposite connecting circumferential edge portions so that a thickness of said at least one arm member is smaller than a thickness of said outer circumferential frame.